

Dinner to Precede Play at Will-O-Way

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riordan, Guests of the Riordans will be of 1562 Bates street will entertain several couples at a buffet dinner Sept. 13 before going in a group to Will-O-Way playhouse for the Kappa Kappa Gamma presentation of "My Three Angels."

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DOWN TO EARTH

Don't Overlook Annuals if You Want Beauty

By ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME
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Already many folks are beginning to plant annual seeds in pots so that the flowers can be enjoyed on a sunny window-sill this winter.

It is true that you can transplant immature plants to a pot at this time of year for that purpose but you will have better results if you prepare a flower pot with rich soil using one third peat moss to combat the humidity within the home in the winter. Carefully plant a collection of seeds in flower pots at this time, observing the directions on the packet.

Now cut a circle of newspaper the size of the top of the pot and place on the newly seeded surface. Water generously to the top of the pot. I assume that you allowed a one inch margin from the top of the soil.



Mrs. Burlingame

Keep the newspaper circle on the top of the soil until the seeds have broken through and keep the soil moist in order to break the seed coat allowing it to sprout.

You will like to try ageratum, lily, sweet alyssum, lobelia, marigolds, petunias, zinnias, impatiens for your sunny windows, along with phlox drummondii, and candytuft.

OF COURSE while working on the program of putting up seeds for winter window pleasure you will probably fill twice as many pots as you personally use because there is always a new neighbor to "greet" a sick friend who would get a "lift" out of your personal gift or an elderly acquaintance who would benefit from a

"tomorrow" outlook.

An inquiry came to me and the Detroit Edison Research department gave a good answer I would like to share with you.

The question was, "What is the effect of a germicidal lamp on plant growth?"

In modern offices, where the public congregates often, the management may install germicidal lamps to counteract harmful germs in the air. The answer was that where germicidal lamps are used for room irradiation, an indirect fixture is used which projects the beam of ultra violet overhead, therefore very little of the ray is reflected down on a table top.

It has been found that fragile plants seem to be affected. I imagine African violets and other plants with a watery stem would come under this category while those with large leaves will have a temporary effect after installation but this category of plants seem to have the ability to acclimate themselves with a result of actually benefiting by this addition to an office.

THIS IS THE best time to plant evergreens in our area and of course this type of plant is always buried wrapped to make the soil compact around the roots.

Haste in planting is important. Plants should be at least two feet out from the foundation while the spreaders should be three or four and a half feet out from the foundation.

Take the handle of a garden tool and measure the depth of the burlapped ball so there won't be guess work. After the hole is ready ease the plant into the location. Perhaps you will want to treat it around to get the "mostest for the mostest" in relation to its shape for the winter.

Fill the hole half way with good soil, now cut the cord holding the burlap and the burlap will roll away. You should wait nearly a year before you fertilize the plant. It is important to water the evergreen to wash the dust off the needles and evergreens breathe through their needles.

At 6363 Worthington you will find the home of the D. L. Buss family.

THIS COUPLE have lived in their ranch home for two years and what character they have put into their allotted land.

Nature here is a long expanse of land in front of this stretched past architecture so Mrs. Buss designed a long elliptical island filled with evergreens, a Japanese maple with coles and geraniums placed for gay summer color.

Mrs. Buss handled the problem

End Season's Activities at Old Trail Inn

Many Birmingham area guests were among those who closed the season Labor Day weekend at the Old Trail Inn, Harbor Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilson were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gordon, Sr., at a dinner party, as were Mr. and Mrs. Carey A. Randall of Arlington, Va. The Gordons are spending some time at their summer home and are dinner guests at the Inn every day. Labor Day was a special day for the family when the couple celebrated their wedding anniversary. Daughter Clara joined them for the occasion and the traditional anniversary cake was presented at dinner.

AMONG THOSE spending the latter part of the season at the Inn were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sanders of North Woodward avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Booth and daughter, Melinda, of Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Patterson and sons, Richie and Tommy, of Dorchester road; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Beresford of Cottontail lane; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bennett and daughter, Anne, of Westwood road.

Also vacationing the last two weeks of August at the Inn were Mr. and Mrs. William Gilman of Oxford road; Mr. and Mrs. Austin Harmon of Suffolk road; Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Booth, Sr., of Snowshoe circle; Mr. and Mrs. William Ewald of Bloomfield Hills; and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Allen Johnson spent a two-week honeymoon there.

SEVERAL families have been dinner guests at Old Trail recently, including the R. C. Lewis family of Birmingham, who entertained Mrs. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harding of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Webb and daughter, Janet; Miss Josephine VonMaur and her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. E. VonMaur; Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Arnes and Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Snyder.

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of a large picture window in front by rhythmically planting in a line, four flowering crabs with upright growth characteristics. Of course she planned the varieties with white spring flowers, remembering the natural color brick and white trim on the house. Between the farm porch and the lineup of trees is a hedge of gay polyantha roses.

In front of the breezeway is a white flowering dogwood and at its base is a wide margin circling it filled with pachysandra for an exceptional effect.

THEIR GARAGE is dark grey shingle and to the side of it in the front is a Morheim spruce. This is the aristocrat of all evergreens, conical in shape and the

new growth has white-grey needles. This evergreen should be on every garden lover's list.

Next to their driveway they have a margin of the sedum "mile a minute", with yellow crocuses blooming in the spring. There are bricks to keep the plant material from going over into the driveway. A white saucer magnolia gives elegance to the front lawn.

The back yard is shallow with peaceful curves with well selected plant material. Verbenas looked fine to the right border. Opposite the breezeway at the back of the house are 11 well manicured American arborvitae.

As an accent in the back border there was a beautiful trained white pine to resemble a pyramid. In order to achieve this shape its

growth was retarded by pinching off the new "handles" so the growth would rise to the "lean areas."

PRIZE 1915 placed this gardener as placed in the back border. The four sides of the home had been landscaped with full knowledge of the cultural requirements of all exposures.

They had just enclosed their terrace with a floor glass awning and shade screening.

This couple really like their gardening as a way of life. "I would rather work in the yard than be idle," said the admission of Mrs. Buss. Her husband finds hunting and playing cribbage relaxing. There is no crackerjack team.

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